

WHAT'S *New* in the Metropolitan Police Department



*A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers
in the District of Columbia*

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HOLOCAUST MUSEUM RECOGNIZES CHIEF RAMSEY FOR INNOVATIVE POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum this week honored Chief Ramsey for his contributions to the community and his leadership in bringing Holocaust education to the MPDC through the "Law Enforcement and Society: Lessons From the Holocaust" program. The Chief was recognized during the Museum's Washington Dinner, held November 3 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. "Chief Ramsey saw that Holocaust history had unique implications for law enforcement professionals – implications that we had not fully realized," said Museum Director Sara J. Bloomfield. "His insights into this history allowed the Museum and the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) to develop an innovative training program for his department, one that is now being expanded to other American cities." Shortly after arriving in DC in 1998, the Chief visited the Museum at the invitation of representatives from the ADL. He later requested that the Museum and ADL develop a training program for the Department. In the resulting "Law Enforcement and Society," MPDC officers explore Holocaust history and the role of the German police in the persecution and murder of Jews and others during the Nazi regime. In contrasting the role of police in Nazi Germany as opposed to that of a democracy, officers reflect on their unique role as protectors of individual liberty and what can happen when they fail in that mission. Since its inception in 1999, "Law Enforcement and Society" has expanded to include more than a dozen other departments and the FBI. More than 20,000 officers and recruits, and more than 4,000 FBI agents, have participated in the training program. In accepting the Museum's recognition, Ramsey said, "I am extraordinarily proud of this program – not just because it has trained literally thousands of police officers in the essential lessons of freedom, tolerance and protecting human rights. I am proud of this program because of the extraordinary people who have made it happen."

- ① Read the news release at:
<http://www.ushmm.org/museum/press/archives/detail.php?category=07-general&content=2005-10-26>
- ① "Law Enforcement and Society" has served as a model for other specialized education programs in the Museum, reaching members of the military, judges, State Department officials and other decision makers nationwide.

CRIME DIPS SLIGHTLY IN OCTOBER; ROBBERY REMAINS A CONCERN

Reports of serious crime in DC fell by 2 percent during October, according to preliminary crime statistics from the MPDC. However, robberies increased again last month. Overall, the number of serious crimes citywide declined from 2,923 in October 2004 to 2,868 in October 2005. There were three fewer homicides this October (13) than last October (16). However, there were 90 more reported robberies this October, an increase of 26 percent. Through the first 10 months of the year, robbery is the only crime that has increased in DC, according to preliminary statistics. Reported robberies are up 4 percent citywide for the year. Among property crimes, there were substantial decreases last month in burglaries (-12%) and thefts from auto (-16%). Through the first 10 months of the 2005, preliminary data show an 8 percent reduction in overall serious crime citywide. When compared with the first 10 months of 2004, there have been substantial decreases in sexual assaults (-13%), burglaries (-15%), stolen autos (-16%) and arson offenses (-39%). So far this year, crime is down in all seven police districts.

- ① Access preliminary monthly crime statistics for each of the seven districts and the District as whole at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1239,q,543329.asp>

To assist in the apprehension of robbery offenders, the MPDC is now providing rewards of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction in robbery cases – up to \$10,000 if the crime involved serious injury to the victim. Individuals with information should call the MPDC Command Center at (202) 727-9099.

TWENTY-SIX NEW MPDC OFFICERS NOW HEADED FOR PSA NEIGHBORHOOD PATROLS

Police patrols in DC neighborhoods are receiving a boost with the addition of 26 new officers who were sworn in during graduation ceremonies Friday afternoon. Twenty-five of the new officers –members of Recruit Class 2005-3 – have successfully completed approximately 24 weeks of training at the Maurice T. Turner Jr., Institute of Police Science, the MPDC's training academy. The 26th officer is a "lateral hire" – an experienced officer from the Baltimore (MD) Police Department who completed a condensed training program focusing on MPDC policies and DC laws. All of the new officers are being assigned to neighborhood patrol duties in the Police Service Areas (PSAs). The new officers are part of the Police Department's continuing efforts to maintain its sworn force at or near its fully authorized level of 3,800. In welcoming the new officers to the MPDC, Executive Assistant Chief Michael Fitzgerald reminded the officers that they must be "first responders" not only when a serious crime, natural disaster or terrorist attack takes place, but also when other peoples' liberty and freedom are being challenged. "You must have the courage, not just to go into a dark alley or other dangerous situation when someone calls for help, but also the courage to stand up and defend the rights that we enjoy as Americans," Fitzgerald said.

MPDC SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR SEVERAL CIVILIAN CAREER VACANCIES

The MPDC is currently accepting applications for a variety of full- and part-time positions for civilian employees in the agency. The full-time positions include a crime analyst (DS 9 – DS 11), a contract compliance monitor (DS 12), a contact representative in Recruiting (DS 7 – DS 9), a program manager in victim services (MSS 14), a property viewing clerk (DS 5) and a supply management specialist (DS 11). The closing dates for these positions vary, but they are generally open over the next two weeks. In addition, the MPDC continues to recruit for part-time crossing guards, to serve at locations throughout the District for four hours a day when school is in session. The MPDC is an equal opportunity employer that supports a diverse and professional work force. The responsibilities, qualification requirements and salaries of the currently vacant positions vary.

NEWS & NOTES

Citizen Summit IV. Mayor Williams reminds all DC residents that Citizen Summit IV will take place on Saturday, November 19, 2005, at the Washington Convention Center. The day-long summit (8:30 am – 4 pm) gives residents an opportunity to help shape the policies and budget of the District government in a number of areas that impact community safety, including youth development, employment, economic opportunity and affordable housing. For more information, call (202) 727-2823 or go online at <http://www.citizensummit.dc.gov>

MPDC Annual Awards Ceremony. Save the date: the MPDC's Annual Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, at 7 pm, in DAR Constitution Hall in Northwest DC. This annual event highlights and celebrates the Department's outstanding sworn and civilian members, as well as partners in the community and other agencies. Additional information will be posted in the coming weeks on the MPDC website

① For information on career opportunities for sworn officers in the MPDC, visit:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,538009.asp>

① For details, including information on how to apply for any of these positions, visit:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,538142.asp>

① The MPDC is also expanding its unpaid internship program. Details at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,556538.asp>

DATA BOX

Homicides as of 11/4/05

- ◆ 2005: 160
- ◆ 2004: 171
- ◆ % Change: -6.8%
- ◆ Closure Rate: 55.0% (88 closures)

Adult Arrests week end. 10/29/05

- ◆ Total: 836
- ◆ Drugs: 161
- ◆ Weapons: 33
- ◆ Robbery: 26
- ◆ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 26

Juvenile Activity week end. 10/29/05

- ◆ Arrests: 67
- ◆ Curfew Violations: 42
- ◆ Truants: 78

Firearm Recoveries as of 11/2/05

- ◆ November: 20
- ◆ October: 199
- ◆ 2005 Total: 2,009

Traffic Fatalities as of 11/4/05

- ◆ 2005: 41
- ◆ 2004: 41
- ◆ % Change: Unchanged

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